Steps have been taken to improve flight safety by intensifying the training of Air Crew and Ground Crew to improve their skills. Measures have also been taken to control bird population around air-fields to minimise accidents due to bird strikes. An Inspector General's Branch has recently been set up in Air HQrs. to review the training and maintenance standards in Air Force units and suggest improvement in them a continuing basis..

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. Wg. Cdr. MP Samant was killed in a IAF aircraft accidents in the Central Sector on 25th June, 1986. The aircraft crashed 12 minutes after take off during a night training flight. There was no transmission from the pilot before the crash. A court of inquiry has been ordered.

Proposal to convene meeting of National Integration Council

*3. SHRIMATI RATAN KUMARI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to convene the meeting of the National Integration Council to review the implementation of national policies including the language policy;

(b) if so, whether any suggestions in this respect have been received from State Governments;

(c) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(d) what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI BUTA SINGH): (a) to (d) The second meeting of the re-constituted National Integration Council is being convened on 12th September 1986. The agenda of this meeting will be confined to only one item namely; "Welfare measures for minorities in pursuance of the directives of the late Prime Minister".

Leakage of heavy water at Kalpakkam Plant

*4. SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there has been a leakage of heavy water at the Kalpakkam Plant recently;

(b) if so, what has been the extent and the nature of the damage caused thereby; and

(c) what fresh steps have been initiated to prevent any nuclear mishap in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) Heavy Water from Unit-1 of Madras Atomic Power Station escaped into a vault inside the reactor building on 25th June, 1986.

(b) During the incident all safety systems worked normally. There was no damage to the plant or injury to the plant personnel. There was no release of radioactivity to the environment.

(c) Government is constantly reviewing safety of nuclear installations and based on expert technical advice, designs and operating practices at these installations are improved to ensure that mishaps do not occur.

In respect of the incident of Madras Atomic Power Station-1, the Safety Committees have reviewed the sequence of events thoroughly and recommended various checks to be performed prior to restart of the unit. These checks are being carried out.

Sarkaria Commission

*5. DR. (SHRIMATI) SAROJINI MAHISHI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the work of the Sarkaria Commission on Centre-State relations has come to a stand-still;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the Commission has expressed its inability to give its report by December 31, 1986;

(c) whether it is also a fact that besides Punjab there are five more states which

have not so far replied to the questionnaire sent by the Commission; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI BUTA SINGH): (a) No, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) The States from whom replies are awaited by the Commission are Gujarat, Rajasthan, Sikkim, Jammu & Kashmir, Manipur and Punjab.

Labourers trapped in land slide in Arunachal Pradesh

*6. SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state what is the fate of 800 labourers who were trapped in a recent land slide, while constructing 230 kms. Roing-Anini road under the Border Roads Task Force in the Union Territory of Arunachal Pradtsh?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARUN SINGH): Due to very heavy and incessant rainfall on 16th and 17th April 1986, a large number of slides occurred at various locations on road Roing-Hunli-Anini (238.75 kms. in length). About 200 personnel of Border Roads Organisation and 550 casual labourers were temporarily stranded between the slides while they were engaged in execution of works. They were brought to safety subsequently. Only 2 personnel of Border Roads Organisation sustained very minor injuries and there was no other casualty.

Migration from Punjab

*7. SHRI CHITTA BASU:
SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that members of the minority community in Punjab have been migrating to the neighbouring States because of uncertain conditions prevailing in the State following unabated killings of innocent persons by the extremists;

(b) if so, what is the number of families that have so far migrated from Punjab and what arrangements have been made to give them relief; and

(c) what steps have been taken by Government to bring a sense of security in the minds of the minority community in Punjab to check the migration?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI BUTA SINGH): (a) to (c) According to available information about 1250 families have moved out of certain areas of Punjab to adjoining States upto 14-7-1986, due to extremist activities in the State. In Delhi, dormitory type accommodation has been provided to a few migrant families in Rain Basera (Gole Market). Food has also been provided to them.

The Government of Punjab have informed that a number of steps have been taken to protect the lives and property of Hindus and to set at rest the apprehnsion in their minds. These measures include deployment of additional companies of para-military forces, setting up of special squads in each district with the specific task of apprehending top extremists deployment of CRPF in 33 focal points in Amritsar district deployment of BSF in 75 focal points in Gurdaspur district.

Union Home Minister and Chief Minister, Punjab met Hindu migrants in Delhi on 2-7-1986. The Chief Minister, while assuring them of their safety, persuaded them to return to their homes in Punjab. Two Ministers of State of the Punjab Government accompanied by senior Government official, visited Karnal in Haryana to persuade the migrant families to return to their homes. Prominent persons like the President of Punjab Brahamin Sabha have also been associated with these teams. The State Government have set up an All Party Committee headed by their Minister of Agriculture for con-